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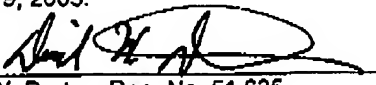
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Attached herewith is a Response to Restriction Requirement
submitted in the above-identified patent application.

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
UNDER 35 U.S.C. §121**

This is responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 22, 2005.

The Examiner asserts that the claims are directed to patentably distinct inventions,
identified as:

Group 1, claims 1-8, and

Group 2, claims 9-12.

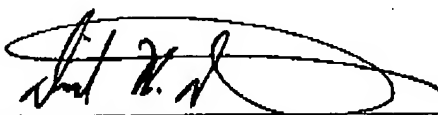
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Applicants provisionally elect the invention of Group 1, claims 1-8, for examination on the merits. Favorable examination of these claims is respectfully requested at this time.

Applicants are of the opinion that no additional fee is due as a result of this communication. If, however, any such fee is due, please apply such fees or credits necessary to complete this communication to Deposit Account 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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